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THE CONVOCATION TO ASSEMBLE HERE

OXFORD CONVOCATION WILL
CONVENE IN THIS CITY MON-
DAY, JAN. 20, AND REMAIN
IN SESSION THREE DAYS.

Nine Churches Are Represented in
the Convocation, and Bishop Theo-
dore Bratton, of the Mississippi
Diocese Will Attend Meeting.

The Oxford Convocation will convene in this city Monday, January 20, and the meeting of this ecclesiastical body will bring to Columbus quite a number of well known divines, among them being Rt. Rev. Theodore Bratton, bishop of the Mississippi diocese of the Episcopal church. Bishop Bratton, however, will not be able to remain here throughout the entire meeting, and after he leaves Rev. W. E. Dakin, rector of St. Paul's church, who is dean of the Convocation, will take his place as presiding officer.

Nine churches are embraced in the Convocation. These churches and their respective rectors are as follows: Columbus, Rev. W. E. Dakin; Oxford, Rev. C. D. Brown; Winona, Rev. E. Sterling Gunn; Como, Rev. C. C. Leman; West Point, Rev. J. Lundy Sykes; Aberdeen, Rev. Edward D. Weed; Greenwood, Rev. G. B. Myers; Holly Springs and Grenada, no representatives announced. As stated above, Rev. W. E. Dakin is dean of the Convocation and Rev. J. Lundy Sykes is secretary.

The meetings of the Convocation will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal church, the first meeting being held at 7:30 p. m., Monday, January 20th, at which time there will be a sermon by Bishop Bratton. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning there will be Holy Communion, with sermon by Rev. E. S. Gunn. This service will be followed by a business meeting, and the Convocation will adjourn until 3:30 p. m. At the afternoon session Rev. G. B. Myers will read an essay on "The Ministry," and Bishop Bratton will deliver an address on "The Diocesan School." There will be evening prayer at 7:30 p. m., with sermon by Rev. William Mercer Green.

Wednesday's program will be inaugurated with Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., and at 10:30 a. m. there will be morning prayer, with sermon by Rev. J. Lundy Sykes. At the afternoon session Rev. C. D. Brown will deliver an address on "The Sunday School" and Rev. E. D. Weed will speak on "The Layman." The reading of the parochial reports will bring the afternoon session to a close, and the final session of the Convocation Wednesday evening will be devoted to a discussion of missionary work, the discussion being participated in by Rev. E. Sterling Gunn, Rev. C. C. Leman and Rev. G. B. Myers.

An Enjoyable Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Joyner most delightfully entertained a number of young people of the Ethelville (Ala.) neighborhood at their beautiful home on last Tuesday night, Dec. 24, 1907, at a school exercise by some of the most diligent pupils of the school of that neighborhood and also a Christmas tree.

The guests began to arrive at an early hour with happy faces and light hearts to enjoy the pleasures of the evening.

The house was beautifully decorated with holly, cedar and mistletoe, the stage for the exercise was also decorated with the evergreens and Christmas pictures.

At 7:30 o'clock the exercises, which the audience enjoyed very much, began. When this was completed, the children marched from the stage to a room containing the Christmas tree to receive the presents. The presents were taken off the tree by Mr. T. T. Joyner, while the names were read by Mr. J. D. Manning, and delivered by Masters Fred Manning, William Hinton and Fred Joyner. Of course, all enjoyed receiving their presents and then came the pleasure of comparing and looking at them.

The guests played a few games before departing.

We thank our kind host and hostess very much for entertaining us in such a pleasant manner, and were delighted with the exercise rendered by the excellent and accomplished teacher and her pupils.

PRESIDENT BANKS NOW HAS THE MONEY

CHECK FOR \$500, LOCAL CLUB'S
SHARE OF FORFEIT MONEY
PAID COTTON LEAGUE BY
MOBILE HAS ARRIVED.

League Directors Meet at Meridian
Tuesday—Other Interesting Mid-
Winter Notes of the Great Na-
tional Game—Plans Maturing.

The mail of a baseball magnate consists largely of letters from players, who are generally more or less impetuous, and requests for loans or advances on salary are of frequent occurrence, so it is no wonder that President Banks, of the local association, smiled the other day, when, upon opening a letter he found instead of the customary request for an advance on salary a crisp bank check for \$500.00. The check came from Stacy Compton, and represents the local club's share of the \$2,000.00 recently paid by Mobile as the price of her retirement from the Cotton States League.

Although opinions seem to differ in regard to the matter of salaries, it is possible that the salary limit will be reduced. The Southern League at a recent meeting increased the number of players allowed each team without having made any corresponding increase in the salary limit, and this means a reduction of about ten per cent in each player's salary. Each club in the Cotton States League is allowed twelve men, and as this number is considered sufficient for all practical purposes there will hardly be any increase in players. If any change occurs it is likely to be a straight cut in salaries, some of the directors being of the opinion that the present limit is entirely too high. It is set forth that if all managers will abide by an agreement to reduce salaries that the players will be of equal ability and the teams evenly matched, the contests therefore being just as close and exciting as under the present high salary limit. While some of the directors favor this reduction, however, there are others who think that salaries should be increased. It is generally conceded that the Board will decide upon a schedule of not more than one hundred games, and as that will make the season considerably shorter than last year, it is the contention of some of the league magnates that the players should receive larger salaries. The matter will doubtless evoke a spirited discussion, and the outcome will not be known until after the meeting.

Plans for the coming season of the local club are slowly maturing. President Banks has already signed several layers and is in correspondence with a number of others. Among the old players who will probably be seen with the Discoverers again this season are Manush, Wheeler, Kunkle and Marshall. "Ace" Stewart, who managed the team during the closing weeks of last season will, as has heretofore been stated, continue to act in that capacity next summer. Three new men have been signed on trial. These are Camper, a pitcher, who played semi-professional ball last season; Yount, a fielder, who played with the Virginia League last season, and Powell, another fielder, who played in the South Atlantic League last year. These players will report here for practice early in the Spring, and in the event that they make good will be placed on the regular list.

Commission Will Take Action.

Secretary Sykes, of the Progressive Union, has received a reply to the letter which he wrote Hon. T. R. Maxwell, secretary of the Mississippi Railroad Commission, in regard to the contemplated removal by the Mobile & Ohio Railroad officials of the night trains on the Columbus branch. Mr. Maxwell states that he remembers the conditions under which this train service was established, and assures Mr. Sykes that the Commission will immediately take the matter up with the railroad officials, with a view of preventing the discontinuance of the service.

It is not the intention of either the Progressive Union or the business men of Columbus to remain supine and allow the railroads to give us just any old kind or train service that suits their convenience. The night trains have been beneficial to Columbus in many ways, and a dis-

continuance of the service would prove militant to business interests and would work a great hardship on the traveling men who live here and would probably force some of them to change their place of residence.

Mrs. Catherine B. Munroe Dead.
Mrs. Catherine Barr Munroe, widow of the late Gen. W. N. Munroe, died at a private sanitarium in Atlanta last Thursday, her death resulting from Bright's disease. Mrs. Munroe, who at the time of her death was seventy-six years of age, was a native of Scotland, but had been living in Columbus for a long number of years. About three weeks ago she went to Atlanta to visit her son, Mr. R. E. Miller, and was taken ill. Upon the advice of the attending physician, she was removed to a private sanitarium, and after lingering a short time succumbed to the ravages of the disease. Mrs. Munroe was the sister of Mrs. E. B. Miller, of this city, and of William Barr, the well known St. Louis dry goods merchant. She was a noble woman and a devout Christian, having for many years been a faithful and consistent member of the First Presbyterian church and having evinced a keen interest in religious and charitable work. She had hundreds of friends here who join The Dispatch in extending sympathy and condolence in the great sorrow which her death entails.

The body was brought here for burial, the funeral having taken place at the late residence of the deceased, No. 1116 College street, at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, and having been conducted by Rev. J. J. Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The interment was at Friendship cemetery, and Capt. W. E. Pope, Capt. Jno. A. Neilson, Messrs. Brooks McGowan, S. B. Street, Sr., Jno. A. Stinson and C. Bader officiated as pall bearers.

What Local Advertisers Are Doing.

We are pleased to call the attention of our readers this morning to the many handsome advertisements in this issue. Some will appear in only the issues of the present week, while others, which are contracted for by the year or less periods, will be seen as usual, changed from time to time. Among the new ads we note the attractive page ad of Messrs. Simon Loeb & Bro., who are advertising their "Annual White Goods Sale"; the ad of H. Hirschman, advertising "A Sale for the People"; the ad of "January White Sale" at the Woman's Store; an ad of the Columbus Theater announcing to the amusement-loving people of the city an attraction for Friday night. Warfield & Bland are advertising their famous coal. Mr. O. M. Lawrence is advertising money to lend; Messrs. Kaufman Bros. are advertising "Everwear Hosiery."

Attention is also directed to the change of ad. of the following advertisers: Columbus Hardware & Furniture Company, Gunter Bros., Dr. Charles Goodwin, Stevens & Son, Lussey & Kidder, Columbus Railway, Light & Power Company and the Columbus Bakery.

Riflemen Will Attend Inauguration.

Adjutant General Fridge, of the Mississippi National Guard, is anxious to have as many companies as possible attend the inauguration of Gov. Noel, which takes place Tuesday, January 21, and has written to the different company commanders urging them to have their companies in Jackson on that date. Capt. Mullins, of the Columbus Riflemen, has received a copy of the letter sent out by General Fridge, and the Riflemen have decided to attend the inauguration. The local entertainment committee will provide meals for members of the militia while in Jackson, but the men will be compelled to pay for lodging and railroad fare out of their own pockets.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunter have returned from Rome, Ga., where they spent their honeymoon with their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Davis. They are domiciled with Mr. Gunter's mother, Mrs. J. T. Gunter.

Miss Lennie Sproles, of Winona, Miss., is spending a few weeks in the city on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stainback.

Miss Carrie Hinton, an attractive young lady residing at Ethelville, Ala., was in the city shopping yesterday.

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STREET RAILWAY TO BE EXTENDED

COLUMBUS RAILWAY, LIGHT &
POWER COMPANY WILL CON-
STRUCT LINE ON MILITARY
ROAD IN NEAR FUTURE.

Under Original Franchise, Part of
This Thoroughfare Was Exempted,
But City Council Has Authorized
Construction of the Line.

The Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company is soon to extend its line, the first step toward the work having been taken last Tuesday night, when the company presented to the city council a petition asking permission to construct a line on Military road. Under the provisions of the original franchise a part of this thoroughfare was exempted from use, but the petition presented to the council Tuesday night was granted and the company given permission to lay tracks on any portion of Military Road that their interests may require.

The action of the Columbus Railway, Light & Power Company in asking the council for permission to construct a line on Military road was not a surprise to those who had kept up with the company. The petition presented to the council was signed by quite a number of property holders living along the line of the contemplated extension, and these signatures were secured several weeks ago. With its present tracings the street railway only serves the residents of South and East Columbus, as there is no line north of Main street. The Military Road is the principal highway of travel in North Columbus, running from North Third avenue to the corporation line. The thoroughfare runs northwest and southeast, and its location is such that the new line will serve practically the citizens of North Columbus. The only citizens remote from the new line will be those living near the eastern terminus of Third and Fourth avenues, and these are adjacent to the main stem of the system, which turns into Third avenue at Nineteenth street.

The exact route of the new line has not yet been determined upon, the only fact settled being that it will traverse Military road for a considerable distance. One plan which the company now has under consideration is the extension of the main line west from Lake Park to the Military road, thence northwest along that thoroughfare to Third avenue, thence west on Third avenue to Market street and thence south on Market to Main, connecting with the main line at the intersection of the two named streets. Another plan is to have the new line run according to the route mentioned above, with the exception of that portion running from Military Road to Lake Park. Should the first named plan be adopted, the company will have a belt line, and the new for switches and the consequent long waits for belated cars will be done away with, while should the second plan be adopted the Military Road extension would be practically an independent line and would necessitate the operation of separate cars, as well as the transfer of passengers at the junction point. The company will have surveys of the two routes made, and will then decide definitely which of the two is most practicable. This work will be undertaken at once, and President Sherrod states that he hopes to begin the actual construction of the line within thirty days.

It is also learned on good authority that the extension of the street car line is not the only improvement contemplated by the light and power company. The gas works are also owned by this corporation, and a considerable extension of the mains is being planned. No additional mains have been laid during the past ten or fifteen years, and East Columbus, which has sprung into being within this period, is practically without gas service. There is a growing demand for fuel gas, and in order to serve would-be patrons in East Columbus the company expects to lay new mains in that section of the city. The plans for extending the mains in this rapidly growing suburb are now under consideration, and the work will probably be undertaken at an early date.

Mrs. Edwin Newburger, of Coffeeville, Miss., is expected to arrive in the city today on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. Trost.

SENIORS LEAVE A. & M. COLLEGE

AS A RESULT OF FRICTION BE-
TWEEN STUDENTS AND FAC-
ULTY, PART OF SENIOR CLASS
HAS QUIT INSTITUTION.

Trouble Has Been Brewing for Some
Time, and When E. B. Stanton
Was Dismissed Fellow Class-
men Went Out With Him.

Friction between members of the senior class and President Hardy, of the A. & M. College at Starkville, has resulted in the withdrawal of part of the class numbering 62 men. The trouble, which has been brewing for some weeks, culminated last Tuesday, when the dismissal of E. B. Stanton, a member of the class, took place and was quickly followed by the withdrawal of a majority of the class.

The trouble which finally led to Stanton's dismissal and the consequent withdrawal of his classmates began last November, when a freshman was dismissed for stealing. He was permitted to withdraw quietly, and no public mention of the incident was ever made before the student body. It seems that some three years ago a member of the class to which the seniors belonged, they having then been in their freshman year, was caught stealing, and was dismissed publicly before the student body. The different number of procedure on the part of the president in the two cases seemed to irritate the seniors, and they presented a petition requesting that public mention of the dismissal of the student who was sent home this year be made. Stanton was a member of the committee that drew up the petition, and took a deep interest in the entire procedure.

Some time in December the seniors decided to make a kick at the manner in which the mess hall was conducted, and presented President Hardy with another petition requesting that he take a hand in the matter and use his authority to have the service improved. This petition was rather salty, and went into the conditions alleged to prevail at the mess hall in detail. It was not long that the hall was tough, the food soggy and the food generally unpalatable and to many instances unclean. The seniors also criticized severely the table service and the manner in which the mess hall was kept, having set forth that the atmosphere was dirty, the knives, forks and spoons rusty and the building infested with cockroaches and flies. It was stated in passing that there is a mess hall with all modern equipment rapidly nearing completion, and that the college authorities have expected the building to be ready for occupancy almost daily for several weeks past. The seniors did not take cognizance of this fact, however, and it seems that Stanton was a prime mover in the revolt against rationing and was a member of the committee which drew up the petition to President Hardy asking for better food and more up-to-date service. These and other incidents convinced President Hardy that Stanton was a disturbing factor, and he reached the conclusion that the only way in which harmony could be restored was through his dismissal.

In addition to the rupture between President Hardy and the members of the senior class, there is also friction between the faculty and Capt. I. C. Wellborne, the military commandant at the College. This trouble originated several weeks ago, at a time when President Hardy was absent from the college. It seems that Lt. Col. Ward and Maj. Richter, two high officials in the student military organization of the school, refused to sign a permit for one of the students to go to Starkville, and the student in question took the matter to Prof. W. H. Magruder, who, during President Hardy's absence, was acting as president. The student told Prof. Magruder of the action of the military authorities in refusing to grant him a permit, and assured the professor that he had urgent business in Starkville, explaining to him that he had perishable freight in the express office there, and showing him a postal card from the express agent stating that the package was then in the office. Thereupon the young man was given permission to go to town.

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MIDWINTER TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

CONVENES MONDAY, JAN. 20—
TERM WILL BE IMPORTANT
ONE WITH THREE MURDER
CASES ON STATE DOCKET.

Most Important Civil Suit Is That of
Mrs. Lilly Myers Against City of
Columbus, for \$10,000.—Com-
plete Docket and Jury List.

Monday, January 20th, will mark the beginning of the midwinter term of circuit court, over which Judge E. L. Cochran will preside. The term will be one of unusual importance, as there are three murder cases to be tried, while the civil docket comprises at least one case that will involve general interest.

The most important murder case is that of the State against Mrs. Tracy Green, who last November shot and killed Ed. Decker. The shooting occurred at Tracy Green's store, near the Mobile & Ohio depot, and Decker, who was employed in the Columbus Hospital, died a few days later. Mrs. Green has a preliminary hearing before Mayor Henson, and Justice of the Peace Henry Hall, Green, and was bound over to the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury. Mrs. Green is the daughter of George Harker, a well known planter, while Decker was a carpenter, all the parties concerned being white.

The parties implicated in the other two murder cases which are to come up for trial at the approaching term are all negroes. One is the case of John Johnson, who last November shot and killed his wife, a negro named John Thomas. The killing occurred at the third place in the Cherokee neighborhood, and resulted from a dispute over a verbal matter. The other negro awaiting trial on the charge of murder is Othello Thomas, who on Christmas day shot and killed Hilly Rogers. Rogers is probably at the bottom of this shooting, as Rogers was imprisoned, and the officers who arrested Thomas state that he had been drinking. Both Decker and Johnson are no jail, having been decided hall in the inferior courts. The murder cases do not appear on the State docket before, as no indictment have as yet been returned against any of the defendants. The indictment will be forthcoming as soon as the grand jury returns the indictments, however, and unless some unforeseen contingency arises all three of the cases will be tried at the coming court term.

The only case on the civil docket which is likely to involve any degree of public interest is that of Mrs. Lilly Myers, who is suing the City of Columbus for damages in the sum of \$10,000. The suit arises as a result of injuries said to have been sustained by plaintiff in a fall last summer, the fall, it is claimed, having been due to negligence on the part of the city or its employees in keeping up the street crossings. Mrs. Myers was on her way to the Second Methodist church in West Columbus, and at a crossing near the church slipped and fell. It is stated in the allegations filed by plaintiff that there was no bridge over the ditch, the only means of crossing being by a narrow plank, and she therefore seeks to hold the city responsible for the injuries resulting from the fall, which, it is claimed, were of a serious nature.

The following is a list of cases appearing on the docket docket:

Civil Docket.
Robert Weaver, John Weaver and E. L. Reynolds vs. E. Magruder et al. attachment.
White Star Line Steamship Co. vs. President, Mayor & Board of Commissioners.
Standard Stone Works vs. Mobile & Ohio Railroad Co., assumpsit.
Standard Stone Works vs. Southern Railway Co., assumpsit.
J. A. Loeb vs. Southern Railway Co., trespass.
S. Selby vs. Southern Railway Co., assumpsit.
E. E. Hayswood vs. Samuel Kahn, trespass.
Mary Lou Peaks, by next friend, Dan Peaks, vs. Southern Railway Co., trespass.
Jenada Sales vs. Southern Railway Co., assumpsit.
John A. Johnson vs. Mrs. E. F.

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